

HOSPITAL SHIP'S ESCAPE—HARTLEPOOL BOMBED

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One Penny.

SCENES AT THE NATIONAL FOOD KITCHEN IN THE WEST END



This lady carries her share away on a plate.



War workers in a queue for well-cooked and inexpensive meals.

SOUP	2
ROAST BEEF	4
CHEESE & POTATO PIE	4
POTATOES	1
ONIONS	2
BAKED CUSTARDS	3

With meat, sixteenpence—

SOUP	1
FISH CAKES	2
STEAK	5
CABBAGE	1
CURRENT ROLL	2

—or a meatless meal for a shilling.



This customer camouflages her purchase in a box.

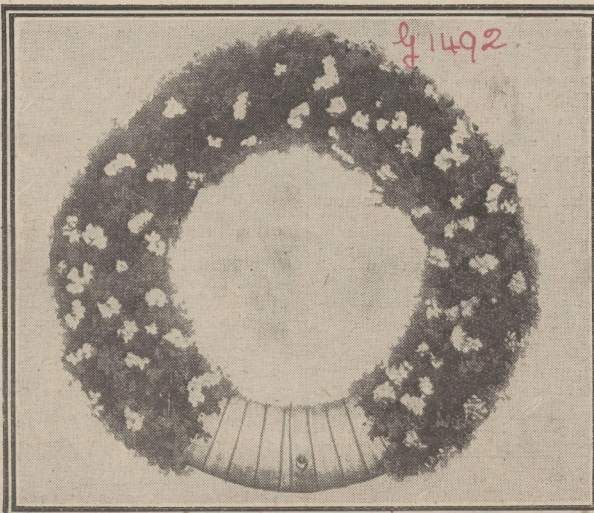
The National Food Kitchen, opened in the West End of London, is proving a huge success. War workers who have not the time to go home to meals are here enabled to

obtain cheap, well-cooked, nourishing food at trifling cost, and can get their lunches at the kitchen and carry them away to their workrooms for consumption.—(Exclusive.)

HOW ENEMY AGENTS SMUGGLE WAR MATERIAL OUT OF FRANCE VIA SWITZERLAND INTO GERMANY.



A vest which is really a petrol container.



This wreath hid a circular tank for petrol.



A rubber corset for carrying smuggled petrol.

Many ingenious devices have been resorted to by the agents employed to smuggle much-needed motor spirit into Germany through neutral countries. The French frontier

guards, however, exercise a vigilance that is not easily frustrated, and the capture of would-be smugglers is of daily occurrence.—(Daily Mirror exclusive photographs.)

GROW POTATOES AND HELP SHIPPING.

How Amateur Gardeners Can Help Food Problem.

£750 IN PRIZES.

"Ships, ships and more ships!" is the cry, and with it is the call for "potatoes, potatoes and more potatoes!"

The more potatoes amateur gardeners grow, the greater will be the increase in the food supply and the more ships will be available for other war transport service than food importation.

You can grow potatoes in your private garden or in an allotment and help to win the war, and also you may win one of *The Daily Mirror's* cash prizes to amateur potato-growers.

Even before the war the potato crop was very important. Mr. David Livingstone, the Scottish agricultural expert, wrote of it thus:

"The potato crop is practically the one farm crop grown primarily for human food of which

£750 FOR POTATOES.

The Daily Mirror's prizes for five potatoes are—

First prize ... £500	Fourth prize ... 25
Second prize ... £100	Fifth prize ... 10
Third prize ... £50	Sixth prize ... 5

The Daily Mirror cannot undertake private correspondence about the scheme. Exhibits must not be sent to *The Daily Mirror* offices.

the United Kingdom can in ordinarily favourable seasons supply the wants of its teeming population."

How much more imperative is it to supply the wants of this "teeming population" to-day, when Germany is trying to starve us?

It is because *The Daily Mirror* desires to encourage a greatly increased production of potatoes in the country that it is offering £750 in prizes to amateur growers.

THE QUEEN'S SYMPATHY.

Royal Tour Interrupted to Say Cheery Word to Blind Children.

When the King and Queen went to West London to inspect important aero-engine works yesterday the Queen noticed opposite to the main entrance a number of children and was told that they were all blind, or partly blind, children from one of the neighbouring London County Council schools.

The teacher explained that she had brought the children to "see" the King and Queen, and their Majesties talked to each of the children.

GANG OF GIRL THIEVES.

Members Paid Fifty Shillings a Week to Rob Jewellers.

When Martha Oliver, of Shore ditch, was sentenced at St. Albans, yesterday, to six months imprisonment, the police superintendent said she was one of a gang of girl thieves operating all over the country.

They received a weekly wage of 50s., and their mission was to enter a shop, ask to see gold rings, and then take a costly one, leaving a brass substitute in the tray.

BARONET CLERGYMAN.

Accused of Unlawfully Wearing Naval Uniform and Decorations.

Sir Douglas Edward Scott, Bart., fifty-four, of Devonshire House, Theale, Berks, was accused at Westminster yesterday of unlawfully wearing naval uniform and decorations. Prisoner, described as a clerk in Holy Orders, staying at the Grosvenor Hotel, was wearing the uniform of a naval commander and ribbons.

In answer to Mr. Lowrie, the chief clerk, as to his plea, the accused said: "It is quite true I am unauthorised, and I am extremely sorry." Detective-Sergeant Purkiss informed the magistrate that there might be further charges in connection with cheques.

Accused was remanded on bail for £800.

WHY MUNITION WORKERS "PLAY."

Engineers in a large munitions factory in West Surrey downed tools last night owing to the discharge of one man through alleged victimisation.

A conference is being held to-day, and the rest of the staff will be holding meetings and playing football.

THE TANK AS "CALL BOY."

Tank work at Lambeth had a very successful opening yesterday. The mayor and corporation attended in their robes. Mr. George Robey made an impressive appeal, and during the afternoon a number of other well-known musical artists appeared on the tank.

HARTLEPOOL ZEPPED

Six Houses Demolished and Thirty Damaged by Four Bombs.

5 KILLED: 9 INJURED.

FROM LORD FRENCH.

Thursday.—Only one airship crossed the coast last night and dropped four bombs in Hartlepool.

The raider, which was operating at a great altitude, only remained over the land for a few minutes, and the remainder of its bombs appear to have fallen into the sea.

Six dwelling-houses were demolished and about thirty damaged.

The latest police reports state that the following casualties occurred:—

Killed.—One man, one woman, three children. Total, five.

Injured.—Three men, one woman, five children. Total, nine.

A correspondent says several bombs fell in the open country.

The aged woman was laying the supper table was blown over, but she escaped.

Although the roof fell across the bed in which a boy was sleeping he was not seriously hurt.

In another house a boy was killed by a fragment of bomb which being carried downstairs by his mother, who was injured.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

On the night of March 12 one of our naval airship squadrons attacked fortified places and military establishments on the Humber and in Yorkshire with good results.

The airships encountered severe artillery fire which, however, was unable to stop the attack.

All our airships returned undamaged. Captain Strasser was again in command.—Reuter.

"CHRISTIANS AND PEACE."

International Congress to Meet in September—Clergy To Be Present.

It was announced at a meeting at Kingsway Hall last night that Scandinavian Bishops were calling an international Christian congress in September to promote peace, and that Church leaders of all Christian nations, including Allies and belligerents, had accepted invitations.

The Dean of Worcester said that they must ask themselves the question whether they were prepared to go to a conference to meet representatives of hostile nations. (Applause.)

"I am glad to find you are prepared," said the Dean, "but he was immediately greeted from many parts of the hall with cries of: "We are not prepared." The Dean retorted: "It would be unfortunate if representatives of the Central Powers were present at such a conference and the English Churches were not represented."

FIRST SEA LORD AND "U's."

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He said that in the past that the Royal Navy and the merchant service were two separate services. The enemy had taught us how interwoven they were, and how dependent on each other.

MME. MELBA, D.B.E.

Empire Honour for the Famous Prima Donna.

Many fresh appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services in or for the Overseas Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates are announced this morning.

Below are a few of the most notable names:—

Australia.—Mme. Melba, the famous prima donna, is a dame commander, which she receives for services in organising patriotic work. New Zealand.—The Countess of Liverpool is the only dame grand cross and the only knight commander is Lord Plunkett.

South Africa.—The Hon. Phillips Sydney Buxton is a knight commander.

Newfoundland.—The only knight commander is the Hon. F. T. McGrath, LL.D., president of the Legislative Council, Food Controller, etc.

CAUSE OF TRENCH FEVER.

Trench fever, says Reuter's special correspondent, has been the cause of more cases of sickness in the war than during the past three years than any other disease except scabies.

A combined committee of investigators from the American British Expeditionary Forces announced yesterday that the fever is communicated by the body louse.



Mr. Harry Gosling, who has completed a twenty-five years' service with the Amalg. Soc. of Watermen.



His Honour Judge Tindal Atkinson, County Court Judge, who died yesterday after a brief illness.

OUR RAID REPRISALS.

German Officer Prisoners of War to Share Britons' Peril.

TO BE PUT IN TARGET AREAS.

It was learned last night that German officer prisoners of war will be given an opportunity to share the perils of air raids.

The officer prisoners will be distributed in areas that experience has proved to be popular targets for the enemy raiders.

The action is obvious in its way of letting the enemy know that his policy of exposing British prisoners of war, officers and privates, to air raid perils in German towns has been noted and the precedent followed reluctantly here.

Our readers, it is safe to say, will be delighted by this action of the authorities.

Where to Write.—In view of the fact that numerous communications are being addressed to the Air Ministry respecting the defenses of London and neighbouring counties against attack by hostile aircraft, the Air Ministry desire to make it publicly known that they have no responsibility in this matter, and that communications should be addressed to General Headquarters, Home Forces, Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W.1.

ACTION AGAINST A VICAR

Jury Stop Case and Return Verdict in His Favour.

There was a sudden ending yesterday to the action in which Miss Kathleen Cockburn Hood, of Belgrave-square, claimed damages against Mrs. Cara Daubney and the Rev. Giles Daubney, of Herno Bay, for alleged trespass and false imprisonment, the jury stopping the case and returning a verdict for defendants.

Plaintiff alleged that defendants (relatives of her husband, by whom she had been deserted) intercepted her letters, and that she was removed against her will to an "inhabited" home. Defendants stated that plaintiff was taken to the home with her sanction.

Counsel for Mrs. Daubney said plaintiff had been in the habit of taking paralytic and aspirin. She became delirious and a danger to herself and children. Plaintiff consented to go into the home.

Counsel said the home was originally a school, and that wire erected was to keep in naughty boys.

HUN TERMS NO GOOD.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald Denies He Is a Peace-at-any-Price Man.

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"I am not satisfied with any terms that the Germans have yet offered," he said. "Those who say otherwise of me talk nonsense. There has not yet been a proposition made by Germany that affords any foundation for a satisfactory peace."

"It is the duty of diplomacy to pin the Germans down to what they do mean. This war can only end by an agreement of the peoples. If diplomacy fails our men in khaki are still there doing their job. We have to try and bring this home to the German people."

"The whole of Bolshevism is against my nation," said Mr. MacDonald. "I am a law-and-order man."

FOOD HOARDERS FINED.

Mrs. Margaret A. Thompson Pegge, of Scalby, was fined £10 at Scarborough yesterday, and the magistrates ordered 60lb. of sugar which she had hoarded to be confiscated. A fine of £75 and costs was imposed under the Food Hoarding Act at Richmond yesterday on Nicolas Thomas Peppercone, of Church-road, Richmond.

AIR BOARD OFFICIAL CHARGED.

On the allegation that he recommended the acceptance of a tender, with an additional profit of £806, which was to be halved, Hugh John Williams, an official at the Air Board, was committed for trial at Bow-street yesterday under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

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MORE BACON FOR BREAKFAST.

Your bacon coupon has grown in value. By a Ministry of Food Order issued last night one coupon will now buy—

8oz. of gammon bacon with bone, or 12oz. of sheet ribs of bacon, also with bone.

Don't Waste Bread.—Exercise care and avoid waste, and bread rations may be avoided.—Mr. Clynes.

More Meat.—A doctor's telegram, says a cable has been received from Washington stating that meat exports to the Allies will be shortly increased 50 per cent.

Butter from Denmark.—The butter export trade from Denmark to Britain has been reopened. 2,000 barrels of butter (says Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent) stored in Danish harbours are to be exported immediately.

ways and spots adjacent to the boats, in readiness in case of another attack.

Do you suppose that I, struck a submarine by any chance," he was asked, and Captain Lang replied: "Well, I cannot answer that. The blow was very severe."

There was a rumour from the spot where the torpedoes fired. They never really sighted a submarine."

NEWS ITEMS.

Smallpox in London.—Seven new cases of smallpox have been reported to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, bringing the total up to seventeen.

In Memoriam.—Messrs. Jukes and Flook have given £2,000 to the King Edward VII. Memorial Hospital in memory of their sons killed in the war.

Dearer Tram Fares?—Tramway authorities are shortly to ask the Board of Trade to consent to an increase in tram fares, consequent upon increased wages of workmen.

"Triangle" Huts for Women.—The model "Blue Triangle" hut in Trafalgar-square was opened yesterday in connection with the effort to raise £183,000 for similar huts for women in France and munition workers.

Air Raid Hero.—For heroic rescue work under dangerous conditions during a big fire on the occasion of an air raid on London, Lance-Corporal Wheeler was presented yesterday by the chief officer of the London Fire Brigade with an award of merit.

SANDOWN PARK 'CHASES.

12.30.—Sen. O'Molton (9-4, Rearden), 1; Roy Hamilton (1-1), 2; Bath (10-1), 3; Eleven ran (10)—Wiseton II. (10-1), 4; Arvin, 5; 10.30.—Sen. O'Molton (9-4, Rearden), 1; 1.30.—Ophion (6-1, Pigott), 1; White Proctor (11-2), 2; Treadstone (10-30), 3; Fox ran, 2.0.—Poethly (11-1), Pigott, 1; Bismarck (10-30), 2; Vermouth (10-1), 3; Six ran, 2.30.—Glait (10-1), Mr. J. R. Anthony, 1; Silver Saint (7-1, Pigott), 1; Shomaker (6-1), 2; Alverthorpe (13-8), 3; Twelve ran, 3.0.—Bull Stop (4-1, Mr. J. R. Anthony), 1; Ranshaw (10-1), 2; Royal Rags (6-1), 3; Nine ran.

Latest London Betting.—War National.—9-2 Waterer, 11-2 Poethly, 11-2 Ballymacad.

NORTH SEA AIR BATTLE: SUCCESS FOR 2 SEAPLANES

Our Men Face Five Hunplanes, Fight Them, and Down Two of Them.

U-BOAT ATTACK ON A HOSPITAL SHIP.

Germans Claim Downing 3 Freiburg Raiders—Vladivostok Commander's Suicide—Hun Guns Busy.

Two Against Five.—Two of our seaplanes attacked five German seaplanes in the North Sea and downed two of the Hunplanes.

Red Cross Ship Attacked.—The hospital ship Guildford Castle, with 450 wounded on board, was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine at the entrance to the Bristol Channel.

Freiburg Raid.—Berlin claims downing three of our machines.

Western Front.—There have been raids and gunfire.

AIR FIGHT AGAINST ODDS BERLIN ON THE BRITISH RAID ON FREIBURG.

Two Machines Engage Five German—Two Hun Planes "Downed."

The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement:—

On March 12 two British seaplanes encountered and attacked five enemy aircraft in the southern part of the North Sea.

An engagement took place which lasted for thirty minutes. One enemy two-seater was shot down and destroyed, the observer of a second machine was killed and a third seaplane was driven down on the water.

The engagement terminated when the British seaplanes had expended all their ammunition. Both machines returned safely.

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS IN NIGHT RAID.

Foe's Big Guns Display Increased Activity at Two Points.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

9.36 A.M.—Our raiding parties entered the enemy's trenches last night south-east of Epheby and brought back prisoners.

A raid attempted by the enemy north of the Ypres-Staden railway was successfully repulsed. Artillery was active on both sides during the night south-west of Cambrai.

Hostile artillery showed increased activity in the Neuve Chapelle and Fauquissart sectors.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Thursday.—There was a fairly lively artillery struggle on the front as a whole.

Three enemy raids failed under our fire in the region of Maisons de Champagne, Vauquois and Heoelville.—Reuter.

German Official.—Some sectors between the Lys and the Scarpe, on both sides of the Meuse, and in the Soudan, in the region of Altkirch, the enemy artillery developed lively activity; also on the remainder of the front there was often lively disturbing fire.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

FIRST SEA LORD AND THE MURDEROUS U-BOATS.

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RUSE TO ESCAPE SERVICE.

In the Commons, yesterday, Mr. Duke, answering Major Newnham, stated that a considerable number of men of military age had crossed over to Ireland to avoid military service. The police had instructions in the matter and they had power to arrest and hand over absentees to the military authorities. They were dealing with all the cases of which they had knowledge.

JAPAN'S QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL IN LONDON.

Distinguished Soldier Pays a Visit to Woolwich.

The Quartermaster-General of the Japanese Army, who is on a mission to England, paid a visit yesterday to the Y.M.C.A. canteen at Woolwich, where he received a warm welcome.

In a felicitous little speech in Japanese, interpreted by a member of his suite, he referred to the cordial relations which exist between Great Britain and Japan, and the prospect that in the future the two nations would be linked more closely together.

Among his suite were members of the Japanese Y.M.C.A. deputation to the Allied armies.

AMERICA'S BIG "HUSTLE" ON WESTERN FRONT.

Mr. Baker Sees Stupendous Preparations to Meet the Huns.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Thursday.—M. Andre Glarner, Paris correspondent of the Exchange, who is on a visit to the American Army in France, telegraphs:—

Mr. Baker, United States Secretary of War, accompanied by General Pershing, began shortly after eight o'clock yesterday morning the task, which will undoubtedly hasten victory, of examining the work of every one of the American soldiers gathered at this great French port.

The gigantic docks, flanking the edge of a deeply-dredged river, which the greatest international liners regularly plough up and down, made a sight which impressed Mr. Baker so deeply that he frankly admitted he had never before realised the magnitude of America's great task in building facilities at which supplies will arrive before being loaded on to heavy trains and started over American-built railroads hundreds of miles into the interior of France.

Mr. Baker saw 11,000 ft. of these docks nearing completion, into which American steel and concrete, and even 4 in. pine planks, are being placed in position by regiments of enlisted skilled workers under the superintendence of some of America's most talented engineers.

Dashing inland for a few miles the secretary visited the American Artillery School, where he saw a full battery of heavy guns transformed from ponderous travelling trucks into firing position within half an hour. The American artillerymen, trained to the pink of perfection, after giving a demonstration, reassembled their battery and started for the front to have their first shot at the enemy.

"AWAITING A FAVOURABLE WIND FOR GAS ATTACKS."

Why the Great German Offensive Has Been Delayed.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—The *Telegraaf's* frontier correspondent states that Austrian and Turkish ambulances have arrived at Cologne and Duesseldorf.

German deserters, he adds, allege that the "Great German offensive" is only awaiting a favourable wind for gas attacks.

Trains are arriving daily in Essen with war material from Russia which is being prepared by Krupps for employment on the Western Front. For this purpose the number of workmen has been considerably increased.—Reuter.

The military correspondent of the Berlin *Mitags Zeitung*, in an attempt to solve the mystery as to "what will attack first?" is inclined to the view that the German military authorities will first await a new Entente offensive on the western front, "in order," as he puts it, "to undertake after its failure an attack when the enemy's power of resistance has been considerably weakened by his fresh losses."—Reuter.

"MUCH MATERIAL FOR USE IN FUTURE WARS."

Lenin on Futility of Brandishing Wooden Sword at Hindenburg.

PARIS, Thursday.—A telegram to the *Matin* from Zurich, says the *Deutsche Tageszeitung*, reports that at a Congress of the Bolsheviks in Petrograd, Lenin said in his speech:—

"The Russian revolution is up against German Imperialism, and it is useless to go on brandishing a wooden sword against Hindenburg.

Hence, therefore, she cannot at the moment throw a new army into the field against our enemies, Russia had no alternative but to accept the peace treaty imposed upon her while she is preparing an army."

"This provisional peace," continued the speaker, "will facilitate the evacuation of Petrograd, and will enable us to safeguard much war material which may be used by-and-by in future wars."—Exchange.

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Captain Lang said he felt great pride in which all hands on board had conducted themselves throughout the trying ordeal.

"There was a patch of oil from the spot where the torpedo was fired. We never really sighted a submarine."

VLADIVOSTOK GENERAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

Cossacks in Eastern Siberia Arrest a Workmen's Council.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday.—The Commandant of the Vladivostok port, General Dumbadze, has committed suicide.—Reuter.

PETROGRAD, Thursday.—The municipal authorities at Blagoveshchensk, on the Amur Railway, have, with the assistance of the Cossacks, arrested the local Workmen's Council.—Reuter.

PEKIN (delayed).—The Petrograd report of the establishment of a new Russian Government under Prince Lvoff is without foundation.—Reuter.

ITALIAN HOSPITAL HIT.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—West of Bezzecca strong enemy parties trying to descend into the Concel were dispersed on the Pasubio.

A field hospital, visibly marked with the Red Cross, was hit at Bassano.—Central News.

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Foe Say That They Brought Down Three of Our Machines.

GERMAN AIR OFFICIAL.

Thursday.—Yesterday seventeen enemy aeroplanes and three captive balloons were brought down during aerial engagements and by fire from the earth.

Of an enemy squadron flying towards Freiburg three machines were brought down on the front.

Cavalry Captain Baron von Richthofen achieved his sixty-fifth aerial victory.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

The British report on Wednesday night on the Freiburg bombing said that all our machines reached their objectives, dropped nearly a ton of bombs, but further details of the raid had not then been received.]

GERMAN TROOPS IN ABO AS WELL AS ODESSA.

Huns Marching Inland in Finland—Battle at Odessa.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday.—The newspapers this evening confirm the news that a strong German detachment last night occupied the town of Abo, in Finland, and immediately began to march into the interior of the country.

According to information which reached Petrograd yesterday German and Ukrainian troops are continuing operations in Southern Russia, particularly in the direction of Orsha and Mottelf, where an important enemy column has occupied the town of Tchernigoff.

The occupation by the Turks of the whole of the Baku region, which Russia has to cede to Turkey by the terms of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty, is also reported.—Reuter.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—The German troops which, in agreement with the Rumanian Government, had been sent against Odessa have occupied Odessa after a battle between bands near Moldovanka.

They were followed by Austro-Hungarian troops coming from Smerinka.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

PRINCE SERIOUSLY ILL.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday.—Prince Leopold of Bavaria, German Commander-in-Chief on the eastern front, is seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs.—Reuter.

Baron Munin von Schwarzenstein, former German Ambassador at Tokio, has been appointed German Ambassador to the Ukraine.—Reuter.

Marshal von Hindenburg and Baron von dem Busche, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on Wednesday received the Finnish Premier, M. Svinhufvud.—Reuter.

THE PRINCE'S NEW OFFICE

From Our Own Correspondent.

WINDSOR, Thursday.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the office of High Steward of Windsor, which became vacant through the death of Prince Christian.

IRISH EXEMPT IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Mr. Lansing and Lord Reading have agreed informally that un-naturalised Irish subjects resident in the United States shall be exempt from conscription in the United States Army. Other British subjects will be liable for military service.—Central News.

A BOOK QUEUE AT THE FRONT



A queue of soldiers in France waiting for books outside a circulation library for the troops.—(Official photograph.)



CANDIDATE—Sir Beddoe Rees, who has been asked to stand as parliamentary candidate for the Canhoek Division. He was recently decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace.

THE LAST FENCE.



Mr. H. Dennison, on Finnegan, falls on the last fence at Sandown Park.

THE WORK OF THE FRENCH ARTILLERY.



Setting the time-fuse and loading the shells to a new French gun recently introduced on the western front.—(French official.)

WOMEN IN—



Lady Helen Seymour, wife of Lord Henry Seymour, D.S.O. She has been an ardent war worker since the war began.



The Countess of Ilchester, who has arranged the programme at the Palladium matinee for the Chelsea Hospital for Women to-day.

"HAND GRENADE" SPRAY.



This novel scent spray has been made by French wounded soldiers in their workshops in France. It was produced from materials found on the battle-field.



ALBERT MEDAL.—Air-Mechanic H. V. Robinson has been awarded the Albert Medal in gold for conspicuous bravery.



D.C.M.—Bombardier H. G. Robinson, R.F.A., who has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant work performed in France.

AUSTRALIAN



Mr. Parker, from the Ministry of Labour, at the terms of their en.



In the above photograph are seen some of the gangway to the te.

A LITTLE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FLIGHTS.



Some of the men of a famous air squadron at lunch. These intrepid air warriors think nothing of flying fifty or sixty miles behind the enemy lines and coming back for tea.—(Official photograph.)

GRACEFUL of a night white.

ON WORKERS.



War workers, just about to disembark, (Official photograph.)



War workers leaving their liner by the pier. (Official photograph.)

TO-DAY'S NEWS.



Miss Katherine Blake, who is marrying Captain T. E. Green to-day, was principal soprano at the D'Oyly Carte Opera Co.



Lady Barnard, who is at the present moment lying seriously ill at her residence, Ruby Castle, Darlington, Co. Durham.

PERISCOPES FOR THE NAVY.



At the Optical Munitions Training School, Northampton Polytechnic, Clerkenwell, women are being trained in the production of periscopes, binoculars, range-finders, telescopes, etc.

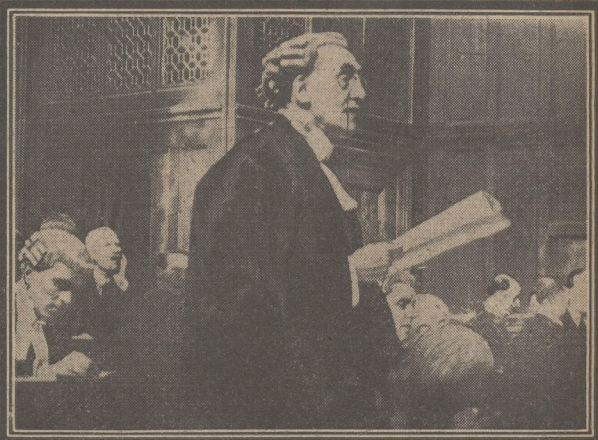


D.S.M. Stoker First Class J.P. Coleman, who has been awarded the D.S.M. for distinguished services.



M.C. Lieutenant T. Ridley Walsh, 7th Durham L.I., has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the field.

FROM THE CABINET TO COURT

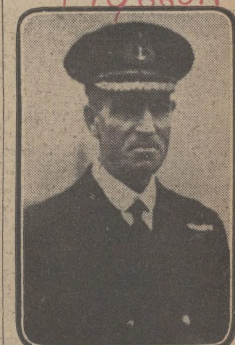


Relieved of the responsibilities of office, Sir Edward Carson is back once more in the Law Courts. Here he is seen speaking to his brief.

WOUNDED WATCHERS.



Wounded soldiers at the first day of the Sandown Park Steeplechases.



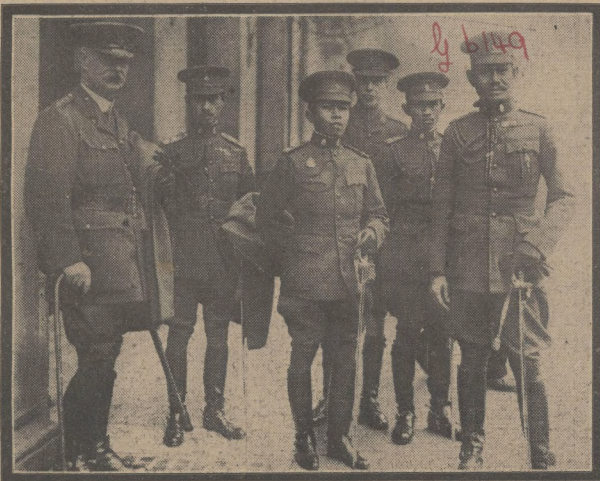
DECORATED.—Captain Anderson, R.N., C.M.G., M.V.O., who wears the decorations of four countries—England, Russia, Portugal and Sweden. The photograph was taken in Hyde Park yesterday.

CONSERVING BRITAIN'S MAN POWER.



A group of babies ready for inspection at the new Infant Welfare Centre at Hammersmith.

MILITARY MISSION FROM SIAM IN LONDON.



An important military mission from Siam has now reached this country, where the members are the guests of the British Government. The mission leaving their hotel for Buckingham Palace, where they were received by the King.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1918.

"HALF-WAGING WAR."

YESTERDAY'S debate in the House.

Mr. Balfour's speech about Japan and Russia, and the Prime Minister's remarks at the annual assembly of the National Free Church Council on Wednesday, can usefully be connected, with the object of defining two conflicting attitudes in regard to the present prosecution of the war. There is nothing as the Free Church phraseology might itself express it like knowing "where you are and whither you are going," in a time when confusion of thought may lead to ineffectiveness of action.

The conflict of attitude we find so dangerous is not for the moment any longer one between plain pacifist and never-sheathe-the-swordian.

Nearly all of us now agree that, whatever wise "conversations" and diplomatic talk may still do, the wind has veered from the peace direction, since the German brigandage in fallen Russia completely exhibited the Prussian attitude, once again. It would really, we feel, be a Prussian peace, under present conditions. The conflict is still, then, rather between the pacifist temperament (with its occasional admixture of our British national vice of cant) and the purely combative disposition on the other side.

The pacifist, if he be sincere, cannot now advocate peace. But his temperament prompts him to urge what the Prime Minister, in the speech referred to, calls a half-war, or a half-waging of war.

That is, you keep on saying, when any new defensive or aggressive war blow is suggested: "Oh no, don't do that! That wouldn't be 'cricket.' It's against the rules. Let them do it. And when they do it, write reams of verbosity explaining that they oughtn't to do it. Call in the Bishops. And meanwhile keep nosing about for a possible other issue."

In other words—for it comes to this: "Seek peace by letting the enemy win."

We had the silly humbug over conscription, over gas, over aerial bombardments. It causes, each time, a delaying debate. . . . Meanwhile the enemy hits out right and left, fair or foul, and our tendency is to tie protective patches over the bruised portions of our national anatomy. . . .

Over Japan, over the air, over gas, over everything!—the same prohibitive wail: *Don't!*

We say, on the other hand: *Do.*

Do things. Do everything that has a military importance and will help us to win. Above all, the air! With what relief do we welcome the good work done there! Every day, every hour, we want to see the Rhine bridges, the Rhine towns, the Rhine factories, railways, dépôts bombed and bombed. Consider the canting lie that this has no military importance! Let us fight the war—in the Prime Minister's word—or make peace; but do not let us half-fight it and fumble it.

May we speak frankly here and say that in the past—last summer—the peace orientation, the wind towards peace, seemed to us sufficiently favourable to warrant great heed and skilful talk; say, at Stockholm; say, elsewhere? Now it is too late. Now we must fight. And it is to the air and all that is connected with it that we chiefly look, since Germany has utterly broken down one of the walls hemming her in.

To the air; but also to any form of military blow, that is really military, to be secured by us.

You cannot fight in the ugly ring with one hand held up, or with a glove carefully padded, lest home moralists of the canting order should be offended by their comfortable firesides and say it isn't fair—on the enemy.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Where than idle hands are idle heads, which have no ideas in them."—Mandell Creighton.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

"SIR EDWARD'S" RETURN.

The Princess at a Wedding—Ministers Buy War Photographs.

I RAMBLED into Mr. Justice McCardie's Court yesterday morning to see Sir Edward Carson make his reappearance at the Bar. There was no mistaking those fierce eyebrows, that jutting nose and that powerful chin—not yet the voice, low, but with a touch of the brouge in it.

Opposition.—Sir Edward was opposed in the action—Marconi v. the Postmaster-General—by a strong combination of legal talent, led by Sir F. E. Smith and Sir Gordon Hewart. I was surprised to see such a thin "house" for the great advocate's reappearance. There was a sparse attendance, brightened by a dash of Navy blue and gold.

A Souvenir.—The other day Mr. Towns Jones, M.P., showed me a souvenir of his

Royalty Greets the Bride.—Princess Marie Louise, who was at St. Margaret's, Westminster, when Miss Honor Leigh married Captain Beckwith-Smith yesterday, was the first to step forward and congratulate the bride. The Prince of Wales was expected, but could not come, disappointing the pretty girls who have been dancing with on leave.

A Stately Gown.—The wedding was hastily arranged, as the groom only arrived on Tuesday, but the church was packed with friends, and the bride's satin and brocade velvet gown was certainly not designed in a hurry.

Cannibalism.—I lunched yesterday with the Cannibal Club, whose "lion" of the day was Mr. Ramsay Macdonald. The menu belied the name of the club, and the members present seemed perfectly peaceful persons.

Chevelure.—Prominent among the lunchers I noticed Mr. "Willie" Clarkson. I wonder if that famous artist got any inspiration



New portrait of Mrs. Patrick de Bather, who will be helping on "Women's Day."



Miss Bland, daughter of Sir William Bland, who is nursing in a war hospital.

Ministers Buy Pictures.—I noticed two Ministers at the Grafton Galleries yesterday looking at that wonderful show of war photographs in colour. They were Mr. George Barnes and Sir George Cave. I was told that they both bought copies of pictures which took their fancy.

Recruiting.—I heard yesterday from Mr. Lawrence Grossmith, or "Lieutenant Grossmith," as I ought to call him now. He was acting in New York when the British recruiting mission opened there, and promptly attached himself to the mission.

For France.—He expects to leave New York soon for service in France. Another English actor who is doing good work with the mission is Mr. Mayne Lynton. Over 20,000 Britons in the United States have enlisted, and there are more to come.

Hartley Applauded.—Advisers from New York tell me that Mr. Hartley Manners, the dramatist, pegged away vigorously at the German sympathiser in a speech to the Lotos Club. "I am a British subject born in Ireland, but I have no tolerance for the crazy Irishmen in this country who wish for German victory," said he.

An Anti-Pacifist Play.—So strongly does Mr. Manners feel about it that he has written a one-act play, called "God of my Faith," on the subject. Mr. Arthur Bourchier, who has the piece-in-hand, described it to me as a wonderful piece of propaganda.

Overseas O.B.E.s.—Among the Overseas recipients of the O.B.E. I noticed with pleasure the name of Mme. Melba. The Australian singer has done a good deal of patriotic work without making a song about it.

Davydd Jorg.—Yesterday a tall man, with the look of a rustic, was walking down Whitehall. He confided to a policeman that he wanted a glance at the house wherein lives "Davydd Jorg." The stranger was from Carmarthenshire, and to him and his race the Premier is never "David Lloyd George," but always "Davydd Jorg."

Business Women's Kitchens.—Communal kitchens are excellent things; but a woman I know who goes out to business complains that to her and her kind they are useless, since they close at midday.

Prosperous Vets.—A veterinary surgeon of my acquaintance was on the point of closing his business a year after the war broke out. This week he sold half his practice for three thousand pounds. This prosperity is due to petrol shortage.

Nomenclature.—So swiftly do we live now that the greeting "Hullo, old bean!" is now outmoded in "swish" circles. I notice that one salutes one's friends with "Hullo, old fruit!"—certainly more fragrant.

A "Mention."—Captain the Hon. Nigel F. Somerset, who is mentioned in General Maude's last dispatch, is Lord Raglan's third son. He was wounded early in the war.

The Song of the "Spud."—The Daily Mirror's £750 potato prize scheme has inspired the song-writers. I hear that two songs on the sprouting "spud" as a victory winner—to say nothing of a prize-winner—are already in the music-hall market.

The First.—I have seen it—the first straw hat of spring! Truth compels me to add that it was in the unromantic neighbourhood of Fleet-street. Why was it not in the Park, adding its brightness to that of the spring flowers and the green lawns?

A "Pro."—I am glad to record the success in the Army of the popular Oval "pro." Alvin. He joined the colours when the Kaiser went mad, and is now a captain on a divisional staff in Mesopotamia.

THE RAMBLER.

IF THE WAR LASTS ANOTHER TWENTY YEARS OR SO—



—We shall have to go ourselves to common kitchens and restaurants (waiters having disappeared) and get our food doled out in minute portions by the careful cook proprietor.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

visit to the front—the nose of a German shell. It has a special interest for him, as the shell exploded in the trenches quite near Mr. Jones' party.

A Narrow Escape.—There might have been several parliamentary vacancies, as there were other M.P.s in the party. General Baird it was who retrieved the fragment, and sent it along to "Towyn," as he is known in Wales.

The Duchess on Teeth.—I met the Duchess of Portland at tea at Lady Cooper's, and what do you think she talked of? Teeth! She is very keen on the work of the Ivory Cross, and helps it in every way.

A Biting Remark.—The Duchess has personally provided false teeth for every soldier at her hospital who needed them. She had that day come up from Nottingham, where her sister-in-law, Lady Charles Bontinck, was doing the same for her patients. "The War Office doesn't seem to care," she said, sadly.

from Mr. Macdonald's magnificent "sable-silvered" head of hair. Mr. Macdonald's "make-up," if I may use the term, certainly suggests the strong, silent man of a drawing-room drama.

Judge's Son Engaged.—I see that Mr. Justice Darling's only son is engaged to Miss Joan Powell, of Lyndhurst. Captain John Olive Darling is in the Hussars, and has the D.S.O. for good work at the front.

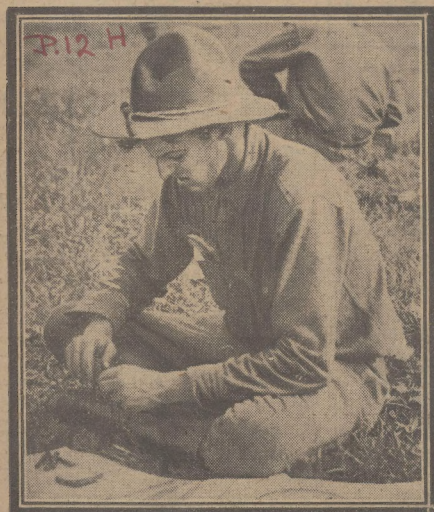
Engaged.—Lord Harris' only son is going to marry Miss Dorothy Crookes, daughter of the vicar of Borden, in Kent. The Hon. George Harris is a staff captain and holds the Military Cross.

A Good Idea.—In some of the shops I have noticed that buying is simplified in the meat department by a notice stuck on some fragment of food: "You can buy this for one coupon"—or more, as the case may be. These appear on lots of things besides meat.

HUN SPIES. SMUGGLE WAR MATERIAL: SEE PICTURES ON PAGE ONE

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MR. ROOSEVELT'S SON.



According to a telegram received in New York, Captain Archibald Roosevelt, son of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, has been wounded in action in France. Captain Roosevelt loading cartridges.



WED.—Maj. Gerard Sharp and the Hon. Mrs. Dora Morris were married at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, yesterday. Our photograph is of the bride.



KILLED.—Cpt. F. Selons, M.C., son of the famous lion-hunter, has been killed in action on the western front. He was a brilliant flyer.

EX-PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER WED.



Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President Grover Cleveland, of America, was married yesterday in Henry VII.'s Chapel, Westminster Abbey, to Captain William S. B. Bosanquet, the Notts cricketer.

BICKLEY COMPETITORS FOR POTATO PRIZE.



The family at work on their potato allotment. The youngest member is particularly busy.

MODEL HUT IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.



The Hon. Emily Kiinnaird (holding paper) and the Mayor of Westminster, at the opening of the model Y.W.C.A. hut in 'Trafalgar-square' yesterday. (Daily Mirror photographs.)



This little digger is four years old.

If this family at Bickley does not win *The Daily Mirror* prize of £200 for five fine potatoes, it will not be for want of trying. This small boy of four is already proving an enthusiastic potato cultivator.

FINE RECORD.



Flight-Sergeant J. Upton, R.F.C., who has won the V.C., D.C.M., Mons Star and East African Medal. He has on twenty occasions crept across No Man's Land under fire.

ODESSA IN OCCUPATION OF THE GERMANS.



It is reported from Berlin that German troops have entered Odessa, the fourth largest city in Russia. A general view of the town from the harbour.